

City-County Flood Control

Mission. The mission of City-County Flood Control is to inspect, operate, and maintain the Wichita-Valley Center Flood Control Project in accordance with standards established by the Corps of Engineers.

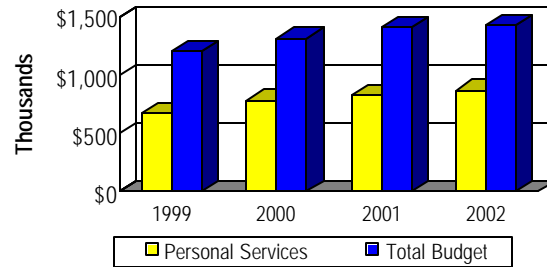
Overview. The Wichita-Valley Center Flood Control Project was a joint undertaking of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita, and was completed in 1960. The project includes the "Big Ditch" and the Big and Little Arkansas Rivers from Valley Center to Derby. Included are 41 miles of channels, 97 miles of levees, 60 interior drainage structures, and a total area of 5,613 acres.

The floodway is maintained by the Public Works Department Storm Water Utility and is funded equally by the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. Maintenance includes mowing, cleaning drainage structures, removing debris from around bridges and other structures, grading levees and roadways, erosion repair, bank stabilization and repair of fences and gates.

Finance and Operations. Contracted floodway mowing was phased out in 1999 and restored as a function of Flood Control. The transfer for mowing was reduced, with an offsetting increase to the operating budget. The mowing function includes four positions plus tractors and mowing equipment.

The City and Sedgwick County jointly fund the Flood Control budget. The County's budget caps did not allow for any budget growth from 1997 through 2000. As salaries and benefits increased, the materials budget for such items as riprap decreased. The 2001 budget increases 6.7 percent over the 2000 budget, and the 2002 budget increases 2.0 percent over the 2001 budget.

Flood Control Expenditures



Operational savings from the 1999 budget totaling \$129,585 have been set aside to partially fund studies of the Cowskin Creek basin.

The 2000 Revised Flood Control budget includes an additional \$70,620 to fund the cost of an ALERT flood warning station in the Cowskin Creek basin. The County is funding \$35,130, half of the cost, while the City's half of the cost is in the Storm Water Utility operating budget.

City-County Flood Control Budget Summary

	1999 Actual	2000 Adopted	2000 Revised	2001 Adopted	2002 Approved
Personal Services	677,979	799,800	784,960	833,750	871,640
Contractual Services	474,263	474,610	495,390	475,390	475,390
Commodities	15,422	45,440	39,500	92,710	82,860
Capital Outlay	19	0	0	6,000	0
Other	37,513	0	70,260	0	0
Total Flood Control Expenditures	1,205,196	1,319,850	1,390,110	1,407,850	1,429,890
Less: Sedgwick County	(602,598)	(659,920)	(695,050)	(703,920)	(714,940)
Other revenue	0	0	(35,130)	0	0
Total General Fund Expenditures	602,598	659,930	659,930	703,930	714,950
Position Summary					
Total full-time	19	19	19	19	19
Total part-time	0	0	0	0	0
Total FTE	19	19	19	19	19